

living, that all bitterness and unkind feeling have disappeared, with the result that the relations of employer and employee after the settlement have been more friendly, more self-respectful and more considerate of each other than they were before the controversy arose.

"This contact with certain phases of the labor question has impressed me not only with its fundamental character, but has led me to a better appreciation of the point of view of the man who works for his daily living. It caused me to believe in the economic value and the public benefit of a high and advancing standard of compensation to railroad employees. I do not hesitate to voice my desire to see our railroads make earnings which will permit them to pay liberal wages to an adequate number of competent men, not only because I believe they deserve it, but because of the influence of the scale of wages in public service upon the services of every grade in private business, and because I believe this will promote the prosperity and happiness of all the people of our country."

TRADE WITH JAPAN

This Country's Trade With Orient Shows Healthy Increase.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Some idea of the extent of the commerce of Japan with the United States is obtained from statistics issued to-day by the Bureau of Statistics, based on the official publication of Japan, entitled, "Annual Return of the Foreign Trade of the Empire of Japan, 1908."

These show that Japanese imports from the United States in 1908 amounted to \$10,000,000. The share which merchandise from the United States formed of the total imports into that country in 1908 was 17.8 per cent. This total is shown to be practically twice as great as a decade ago. The exports from Japan to the United States were in 1908, \$61,000,000, or 32 per cent. of the total exports.

The statement points out the active rivalry of India and many European countries with the United States for the Japanese trade.

URGENT NEED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Will Strive Under Adverse Circumstances to Avoid Congestion.

If plans outlined in recent meetings of the City School Board are carried out, although there is now urgent need for additional facilities for white and colored pupils, the congestion which existed during the past session will be greatly relieved next year by the opening of the new high school building. By a temporary arrangement, which will probably be followed until appropriations are made for new structures, it is hoped to pull through next session with much less dissatisfaction to parents.

Charles Hutzler, chairman of the Board, in speaking of contemplated changes last night, emphasized especially the need for new schools in the growing West End section, and more accommodations for the colored children. Especially in the colored schools conditions last year were such that many applicants could not be accommodated, and many others were forced to be content with training for half a year.

Leigh School for Negroes. Probably the most important change proposed is to move Leigh Street District School, at First and Leigh Streets, to the new high school building, and to give the present Leigh Street building to the colored Normal and Training School. The Normal School building was abandoned during the last session, and has since been used as a storage house. The changes may become effective September 15, as the new high school building will be ready for occupancy at that time.

Appropriateness of abandoning the Leigh Street building for negroes, said Chairman Hutzler, "is seen in the fact that few white people now live in the neighborhood. There is a negro church across the street and one next door. The Miller Hotel, the leading colored hotel, is one square away. When the colored normal and the valley school were abandoned, the normal was moved to Baker Street."

Earlier School pupils divided hours with the children of Moore School, and the Valley and Navy Schools went through the session under similar circumstances. Valley School, which is opposite the City Jail, has been turned over to the City Cleaning Department.

Our new high school building is a new building for Valley School. We have already chosen a site, which can be bought very cheap in a section inhabited altogether by negroes.

Needs in West End. "To my mind there is also equally urgent necessity for two schools in the West End. One should be on the Hanover lot, between Nos. 2300 and 2400, and the second in the oak grove, near Idlewood Park. These lots are owned by the city, and were purchased for school purposes. We asked the Council for an appropriation in December, but the matter has never come up for serious consideration.

"In the recent bond issue of \$1,500,000, there is one item of \$11,000 for sewers, schools and water mains. The School Board is anxious to obtain first use of the fund in order to proceed with the Hanover School Building. In considering this matter, the Board has taken an inventory of the number of residences between Lombardy Street and the east and the city line on the west, and from Main Street on the south to the boundary line."

"There are 1,200 residences in this area," but no public school building. The question has been raised as to the propriety of kindergarten departments. The Board has petitions from the Mothers' Club of Fairmount, and the Mothers' Club of Springfield, urging that kindergartens be inaugurated, but there will be no money for such purposes unless the City Council makes a special appropriation.

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INDIFFERENT AS TO CANDIDATES

BY C. A. BOYCE.

Never before in the recollection of politicians of the present generation has there been a contest in Virginia for State offices in which there appeared to be so little interest on the part of the rank and file as to who should be the nominees of the Democratic party. This statement is based upon interviews with prominent party men, who come to Richmond from time to time from all sections of Virginia, their almost unanimous opinion being that the Democratic people of the State as a rule care very little who shall be nominated for this or that office in the primary, which is scheduled to take place on August 5. According to the views of many party leaders, there are several reasons for this condition of apparent indifference on the part of the voters. It is contended that the people have grown tired of elections, which have been made much more frequent on account of the new state primary plan and the action of the Constitutional Convention in so largely increasing the list of officers to be chosen by popular vote.

Taking Richmond city, for example, it would seem that there is much in this contentment. The voters of the city here are in the throes of some sort of political campaign almost from one year's end to another. In 1908 the first months of the year were taken up with warm fights for Mayor and members of the City Council. Almost before the voters were aware of it, the new state primary plan and the action of a Congressman and President. In all there were four elections, primary and general, in Richmond last year.

Same Conditions Now. Similar conditions are prevailing this year. Before the presidential fight, candidates for city and State offices were in the field. From January 1 up to this time there has been a steady increase in activity on the part of the candidates. One primary is about to be held. When that is over, perhaps a dozen more will be held. The action of Delegates will plunge into the race, keeping things lively until August 5, on which date the State primary will occur. Following this important event, there may be a brief lull, though it will last no longer than September 1, for at least a half a year. The voters will get busy in their effort to elect the nominees of the August primary. The Republican State convention will be held in Newport News on July 28. The minority party proposes to put up the best possible fight for its ticket this year, according to its foremost leaders. This fact is well known among the Democrats, the latter being already on the alert for a vigorous contest.

Is True Elsewhere. It has been pointed out that at the end of the year, when the two conservative years of almost continuous political fighting, what is true of Richmond is true of all the cities as well as of the

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EVERY MAN CAN VERIFY RELIGION

Dr. Woolfkin Discusses Great Problem in Sermon to Richmond College Graduates.

RELIGIOUS INSTINCT THERE

Says World Is Run on Faith and That This Is Keynote of Christianity.

Annual commencement exercises at Richmond College began last night with the baccalaureate sermon in the college chapel by Rev. Cornelius Woolfkin, D. D., of Rochester, N. Y. The chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity, every available seat being taken before the exercises of the evening began. Members of the graduating class occupied seats directly in front of the platform, while President Boatwright, the college faculty, members of the board of trustees, the speaker and the choir of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church, which led the music, were seated on the platform.

Dr. Woolfkin preached a powerful sermon, his subject being, "Religious Verification."

In the course of his sermon he made a strong plea for peace between religion and science, declaring both to be searching after truth, and that each could not afford to afford to oppose the other.

The Magnet That Drew Them. In beginning his sermon Dr. Woolfkin referred briefly to the pleasure of commencement time and the pleasant memory of it that the graduates carry through time. He then asked what magnet drew the young men of this class to Richmond College, and replied with the statement that they had expected to find some gateway to the calling in life, and hoped to have with them a gateway with education and enable them to better solve the battle of life.

"Men come here thinking differently; they continue to think differently, and they go out thinking differently. If a photograph could be taken of the only through of divinity, that would be a composite picture," continued the speaker.

He then went on to say that the idealist and the materialist hold widely different views of life, the one claiming the other to be no longer necessary, though it has a creed, is not theology, though it teaches theology; not philosophy, though it creates it; it is not history, though it has a history. Christianity is the reality of the soul brought out by belief in Jesus Christ. That is the keynote of Christianity. It is the key to everything in the world is faith. We have faith in the fulfillment of our hopes here below, and so we have faith in God for the fulfillment of our hopes for the hereafter."

Every One Has Religious Instinct. In closing, Dr. Woolfkin asked the graduates to take his message and to remember the justification of religion, and to seek after the truth of Christianity.

Before the sermon Dr. Boatwright made a short speech, presenting alumni of Richmond College, Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, missionary in China, and Rev. Mr. Ruda, a missionary to Porto Rico. The former read a passage of Scripture and the latter offered a prayer. The anthem was sung by the choir.

Commencement exercises to-morrow night the Alumni Association will give its annual banquet to the graduating class in the High School Building. Following this will be a class of 1909, President, Mary Mildred Percival; Vice-President, Robert Lelloy Atwell; Secretary and Treasurer, Francis Marion French; Berkeley Miller Adams; Charles Lacy Avery; Henry Bear, Arthur Cheatham; Belcher, B. L. Claire Duval, Ida Watkins Mimms.

Negroes Arrested in Poolroom. Policeman Edward Waymack made a dash on a poolroom which is connected with an uptown bar Saturday night and arrested Arthur Thomas, Gent Morton and Morrell Candy, all young negroes, who were indulging in a game of pool. The three are all under age and according to a city ordinance, it is unlawful for a minor to play in or even enter a poolroom. When the officers arrived there were five in the game, and three of them made a run for the back door, climbing a tall board fence with agility that was astounding. Waymack captured two and recognized Thomas as he was getting over the fence, and later captured him. The other two he did not know, and they escaped.

The Police Department is determined to break up the practice of minors playing in poolrooms, and will keep an eye on the bars and poolrooms in the future. "Managers and owners of poolrooms are hereby notified that they should not allow minors to enter their places, and some of them are liable to come to grief if they are not more careful in the future."

Besides these boys Mayor Maurice has a general minor misdemeanor and warrant cases which are of great importance, but none of them is of great importance.

Died in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Charles Kimmel died at her home in Lebanon, Pa., Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock after a long illness. Her death was unexpected, and members of the family were at her bedside when it occurred. She was a sister of Charles Schardt, at this city. Mrs. Kimmel was well known here, where she had lived for many years, and was extremely popular. During her residence here she was a most faithful worker in the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Kimmel is survived by her husband, three sisters and two brothers. The funeral will take place Wednesday at 2 P. M. in Lebanon.

Mrs. Rountree Dies Suddenly. Mrs. Mary Rountree died suddenly yesterday morning at the residence of her son, James Rountree, at Forest Hill Park, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Rountree had been in good health up to very shortly before her death, which came as a great shock to the family. Up to twenty minutes before she died she was attending to her household duties, but when she complained of being sick it was seen that she was seriously ill. A physician was called, but he found her pulseless and cold. Twenty minutes after she was taken sick she expired. Besides her son, James, she is survived by another son, who resides in Kansas City, Mo. The funeral arrangements will

be completed until he is heard from.

Mrs. Mollie Browden Smith. Mrs. Mollie Browden Smith, wife of Captain William Smith, died at her home in Port Norfolk Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Smith had not been in good health for some time, but her death, which is attributed to heart trouble, was not unexpected. Mrs. Smith was a native of Manchester and resided here for many years. Her husband is connected with the Southern Railway, but was recently transferred from here to Port Norfolk. Besides her husband, she is survived by five children. The funeral will be held at 11:30 this morning, and the funeral will take place following its arrival. Interment will probably be made in Maury Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Scroggins. Mrs. Mary Scroggins died Saturday afternoon at her residence, 1605 Everett Street, after an illness of some length. She was in the seventy-fifth year of her age. The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence. The interment will be made in Maury Cemetery. Services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Forrester.

Persons and Briefs. Thomas Simms, a resident of Chesterfield county, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

The Order of Railway Trainmen held its regular weekly meeting in Franklin Hall yesterday. It was largely attended.

Mrs. John Noky and daughter are spending some time at Ocean View.

Mrs. Lella Friend, of this city, is visiting her son, Herbert Friend, at his home in Baltimore.

Miss Lucile Nickols has returned from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg. She will be here through the summer.

B. M. Robertson has returned from the Confederate Reunion in Memphis. Mrs. Robertson is expected soon.

Miss Lucile Wilkerson is visiting her cousin, Miss Minnie Weisiger, of this city.

Robert Pepples, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is rapidly improving in his condition.

Miss Helen Morrisette has returned from Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg.

Squire Connelly Out Again. Squire James Connelly, who has been ill several weeks, is well and out and hard at work in his campaign for re-election in Madison Ward.

Squire P. J. McCarthy is also out for re-election from the same ward.

Southern Railway Earnings. Estimated earnings of the Southern Railway for the first week in June show an increase of \$85,966, as compared with the same week of last year, according to a report issued yesterday by Comptroller Plant.

CLOSING EXERCISES. The closing exercises of the most successful session in the history of Washington and Lee University began to-day, with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. James Vance, D. D., of Newark, N. J. He discussed "The Relation of a Young Man in Relation to God." Dr. Vance delivered the address to-night before the Young Men's Christian Association. The Lee Memorial Chapel was crowded for both services. Dr. Vance is one of the strongest Presbyterian preachers in the United States. His sermons to-day fully sustained his reputation.

The annual boat-race will take place tomorrow afternoon on North River, between the Harry Lee and Albert Sidney crews. The Graham Lee and Washington Literary Societies will hold their joint celebration at night. A large crowd of visitors, including many young women and alumni is here for commencement. The opening hop was danced last night.

OBITUARY

Y. R. Manseller. Y. R. Manseller, a veteran of the Civil War, died at the Soldiers' Home, in this city, Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Mr. Manseller was sixty-seven years of age, and served in the war with Company A, Fourth Regiment of Virginia Cavalry. He was a native of Prince William county, but had been in the residence of his parents, EARL LIESE EDWARD, son of Norman J. and Callie Reed WASH. in the eighth year of his age.

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